

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

INVENTOR HOLDINGS, LLC, )  
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Plaintiff,                 )  
                                )  
v.                             ) Civil Action No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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MICROSOFT CORPORATION,    ) **JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**  
                                )  
Defendant.                 )  
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**COMPLAINT**

For its Complaint, Plaintiff Inventor Holdings, LLC ("Inventor Holdings"), by and through the undersigned counsel, alleges as follows:

**THE PARTIES**

1. Inventor Holdings is a Delaware limited liability company with a place of business located at Two High Ridge Park, Stamford, Connecticut 06905. Inventor Holdings is the current owner of patents developed by Walker Digital, LLC ("Walker Digital"), a research and development laboratory that has been the genesis for many successful businesses, including Priceline.com and Synapse Group, Inc.

2. Defendant Microsoft Corporation ("Microsoft") is a Washington corporation with, upon information and belief, a place of business located at One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington 98052.

3. Upon information and belief, Microsoft has registered with the Delaware Secretary of State to conduct business in Delaware.

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

4. This action arises under the Patent Act, 35 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.*

5. Subject matter jurisdiction is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338.

6. Upon information and belief, Microsoft conducts substantial business in this forum, directly or through intermediaries, including: (i) at least a portion of the infringements alleged herein; and (ii) regularly doing or soliciting business, engaging in other persistent courses of conduct and/or deriving substantial revenue from goods and services provided to individuals in Delaware.

7. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to §§ 1391(b), (c) and 1400(b).

#### **THE PATENT-IN-SUIT**

8. On October 15, 2013, United States Patent No. 8,558,921 (the "'921 patent"), entitled "Systems And Methods For Suggesting Meta-Information To A Camera User" and listing Jay S. Walker, James A. Jorasch and Russell P. Sammon as inventors, was duly and lawfully issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO"). A true and correct copy of the '921 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

9. Inventor Holdings is the assignee and owner of the right, title and interest in and to the '921 patent, including the right to assert all causes of action arising under said patent and the right to any remedies for infringement of it.

#### **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

10. Walker Digital is a research and development laboratory that has invested many millions of dollars in the development of its intellectual property. Walker Digital was comprised of a diverse group of inventors who solve business problems by studying human behavior and designing innovative solutions utilizing modern information technologies. Walker Digital's invention team has created a portfolio of more than 700 U.S. and international patents in a wide range of industries that include retail, vending,

credit cards, security, gaming, educational testing and entertainment. Jay Walker, the chairman of Walker Digital, is best known as the founder of Priceline.com, which brought unprecedented technology and a new level of value to the travel industry. The business processes that guide Priceline.com's success were created in the invention lab of Walker Digital. As an inventor, Mr. Walker is named on more than 450 issued and pending U.S. and international patents.

11. Walker Digital invested large sums of money to develop the inventions of Mr. Walker and the team of innovators. This investment was used for many things, including the development of laboratory facilities to assist with the development and testing of new inventions which, in turn, generated additional new inventions. Many of these new inventions have been the genesis for successful businesses, including Priceline.com and Synapse Group, Inc. Revolutionary technologies, including the method and system for processing payments for remotely purchased goods claimed in the '921 patent, were a direct result of that investment. In September 2013, Walker Digital assigned patents in its patent portfolio, including the '921 patent, to Inventor Holdings in connection with a corporate restructuring. At that time, Inventor Holdings became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Patent Properties, Inc., which is a public company. Walker Digital has a controlling interest in Patent Properties, Inc., and Jay Walker is the Executive Chairman of Patent Properties, Inc.

12. The '921 patent represents important advances in the field of photo tagging. The subject matter of the '921 patent includes, but is not limited to, analysis of content of digital images and identifying objects in digital images.

**COUNT I – INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 8,558,921**

13. Inventor Holdings repeats and realleges the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 12 as if fully set forth herein.

14. Without license or authorization and in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), Microsoft has infringed and continues to infringe at least claim 16 of the '921 patent by making, using, offering for sale, and/or selling within this district and elsewhere in the United States and/or importing into this district and elsewhere in the United States, methods for facilitating analysis of a digital image, including, but not limited to, Windows Photo Gallery.

15. Inventor Holdings is entitled to recover from Microsoft the damages sustained by Inventor Holdings as a result of Microsoft's infringement of the '921 patent in an amount subject to proof at trial, which, by law, cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

**JURY DEMAND**

Inventor Holdings hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

**PRAAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Inventor Holdings requests that this Court enter judgment against Microsoft as follows:

- A. An adjudication that Microsoft has infringed the '921 patent;
- B. An award of damages to be paid by Microsoft adequate to compensate Inventor Holdings for Microsoft's past infringement of the '921 patent and any continuing or future infringement through the date such judgment is entered, including interest, costs, expenses and an accounting of all infringing acts including, but not limited to, those acts not presented at trial;

C. A declaration that this case is exceptional under 35 U.S.C. § 285, and an award of Inventor Holdings' reasonable attorneys' fees; and

D. An award to Inventor Holdings of such further relief at law or in equity as the Court deems just and proper.

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